

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking
Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, controlled and freer practice

Focus

be going to for future plans

will for spontaneous decisions

Aim

To ask about future plans with *be going to* and to make spontaneous decisions with *will*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of ten and cut and fold as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this future tenses activity, students ask *be going to* questions to confirm plans for tomorrow and change their minds by making spontaneous decisions with *will*.

Procedure

Write the phrase 'Change your mind' on the board.

Elicit the meaning from the class. Then, ask the students if they ever change their mind about things and ask them to give examples.

Next, tell the students that they are going to ask questions confirming plans for tomorrow and make spontaneous decisions using cards as prompts.

Give each student one folded card.

If there are more than ten students in the class, divide them into groups.

Students hold their cards so that the side marked 'Plan' is facing them and the side marked 'Decision' is facing away.

Students then go around asking questions to confirm a plan for tomorrow with each student using their cards as prompts, e.g. 'Are you going to go to the gym tomorrow?'

When a student asks a question, their partner changes their mind about the plan and uses *will* to make a spontaneous decision by choosing from two prompts, e.g. 'No, I think I'll play tennis.'

In the activity, students repeat the same question several times but practice making different decisions each time they change partner.

When the students have spoken to everyone, they exchange cards and repeat the activity.

Repeat this several times so students practice asking different questions each time they change cards.

Fold



<p>Plan</p> <p>go to the gym?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>play tennis</p> <p>go cycling</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>wake up early?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>sleep in</p> <p>wake up on time</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>do your homework?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>hand it in late</p> <p>study for your test</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>wash the dishes?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>tidy your bedroom</p> <p>clean the bathroom</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>cook dinner?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>eat at a restaurant</p> <p>order some food online</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>take the bus to class?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>ride your bicycle</p> <p>take a taxi</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>call me?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>send you a text</p> <p>chat to you online</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>meet me before class?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>meet you after class</p> <p>see you in class</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>go to bed early?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>watch TV</p> <p>go out with friends</p>
<p>Plan</p> <p>go shopping?</p> 	<p>Decision</p> <p>save your money</p> <p>go to the cinema</p>